



**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND
AND THE
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

1. PURPOSE: The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) and the United States Marine Corps (USMC) is to reconstitute the USSOCOM/USMC board. This board will provide a forum for special operations forces (SOF) and USMC to interface and coordinate with regard to common mission areas and similar procurement initiatives.

2. BACKGROUND:

a. In 1993, at the initiative of the Commander in Chief, USSOCOM (USCINCSOC), an MOA for a USSOCOM/USMC board was established. This initiative was designed to provide a medium for effective communication between SOF and the Marine Corps. More important, it assisted in providing effective employment for the complementary capabilities of our nation's crisis response forces.

b. The board met six times from 1993 to 1996. The following years saw a decline in the interaction between USSOCOM and USMC. The next and final board meeting was in March 1999. This meeting took place at the action officer level and resulted in no specific coordination or issue resolution for further development of the now outdated MOA.

c. Presently, Headquarters (HQ) USSOCOM and HQ Marine Corps (HQMC) have agreed to reconstitute the previously existing USSOCOM/USMC board. This document serves as the new MOA.

3. FUNCTIONS:

a. To examine current capabilities and missions in order to leverage the unique capabilities of each organization, thus enhancing interoperability.

b. To establish and continue an interface between the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) and deploying Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) staffs.

c. To establish and continue an interface between theater special operations commands (SOC) and deploying MEU staffs.

d. To synchronize USSOCOM and USMC warfighting developments, as well as materiel research and procurement initiatives.

4. ORGANIZATION:

a. Cochairmen:

(1) **USSOCOM.** Director, Center for Operations, Plans and Policy (SOOP)

(2) **USMC.** Director, Operations Division, Plans, Policies, and Operations (PO)

b. Other Members:

(1) USSOCOM

(a) Chief, Policy Division (SOOP-PG)

(b) Chief, Training Division (SOOP-OT)

(c) Chief, Plans Division (SOOP-PD)

(d) Director of Intelligence (SOIO-IN)

(e) Director of Advanced Technology (SOAL-T)

(f) Director of Logistics (SOAL-L)

(g) Principal Deputy to the Acquisition Executive (SOAL-PDAE)

(2) USMC

(a) Head, Expeditionary Policies Branch (POE)

(b) Head, MAGTF Special Operations Section (POE-30)

(c) Director, Coalition and Special Warfare (TECOM, CSW)

(d) Chief, Intelligence Operations Division (IO)

(e) Director, Strategic Initiatives Group (SIG)

(f) Director, Warfighting Development Integration Directorate (MCCDC, WDID)

(g) Chief of Staff, Marine Corps Systems Command

(h) Director, Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory

c. **Additional Membership.** The standing membership may be augmented, as required, to support agenda topics for scheduled meetings. Any additional membership will be drawn as directed by either cochairmen on a case-by-case basis.

d. **Secretariat.** The preparation for and management of an annual meeting, including the drafting and distribution of agendas and minutes for review by above listed members, will be the responsibility of the host organization for each meeting.

5. ADMINISTRATION:

a. The principal points of contact for an annual meeting will be SOOP-OT for HQ USSOCOM and Marine Air Ground Task Force (MAGTF) Special Operations Section, POE, HQMC. These offices will be responsible for:

- (1) Scheduling a meeting once a year, or as required, to provide timely and coordinated resolution to issues concerning both organizations.
- (2) Coordinating and staffing agenda items a month in advance of meeting.
- (3) Publishing minutes from meetings.
- (4) Providing necessary conference logistical and administrative support.
- (5) Periodically reviewing the MOA.

b. Annual meetings will alternate host between HQ USSOCOM and HQMC. The organization hosting the meeting will be responsible for any administrative and logistical support costs. However, each organization will be responsible for travel costs of their respective meeting attendees.

c. **Proceedings.** The minutes for each meeting will be prepared by hosting organization for approval by the cochairmen. These minutes will include a summary for each agenda item discussed, as well as conclusions and recommendations developed by the members of the meeting. A summary of the proceedings will be forwarded to USCINCSOC and the Commandant of the Marine Corps or their designees.

6. **DISCLOSURE AND USE OF INFORMATION:** The organizations agree to the following disclosure and use policy. All information provided by either organization is

considered sensitive. Accordingly, the signatories to this MOA or his delegate must approve the release of said information.

7. AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION:

a. Except as otherwise provided, this MOA may be amended by the mutual written consent of the cochairmen's authorized representatives.

b. This MOA may be rescinded at any time upon the mutual written consent of HQ USSOCOM and HQMC. In the event both organizations consent to terminate this MOA, the organizations will consult prior to the date of termination.

8. MOA FORCE AND EFFECT: This MOA, consisting of eight sections, enters into effect when signed by USCINCSOC and the Commandant of the Marine Corps. This MOA may be modified at any time by mutual agreement and remains in effect until rescinded by HQ USSOCOM or HQMC.

JAMES L. JONES
General, United States Marine Corps
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Date: _____

CHARLES R. HOLLAND
General, United States Air Force
Commander in Chief
U. S. Special Operations Command

Date: _____